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FROM : AmEmbassy BUENOS AIRES
SUBJECT : Reported Disappearances in Argentina
REF

DATE: March 16, 1978

This Airgram transmits a graph of the monthly numbers of disappearances reported to the American Embassy at Buenos Aires and the Argentine human rights organization--Familiares de Desaparecidos y Detenidos (FDD). Many of these disappearances have been reported to both institutions. For the period from late 1974 through 1977 the Embassy has received information on 782 disappearances and the FDD has published information on 1,062 cases.

There are a number of points which should be kept in mind in evaluating the graph:

-- The disappearance reports are only an indicator of the relative rate of monthly illegal activity in Argentina. Statistics give no indication of the total numbers of persons who have disappeared in Argentina as we have no guidelines on what percentage of families have registered their disappeared family members with the Embassy and the FDD. We can deduce nothing about total disappearances from this information.

-- As both information collection points are located in Buenos Aires, the data is geographically biased. The graph is more descriptive of the relative changes in the number of disappearances in the country's capital area in and around the Federal Capital.

Enclosures: Graph (6)

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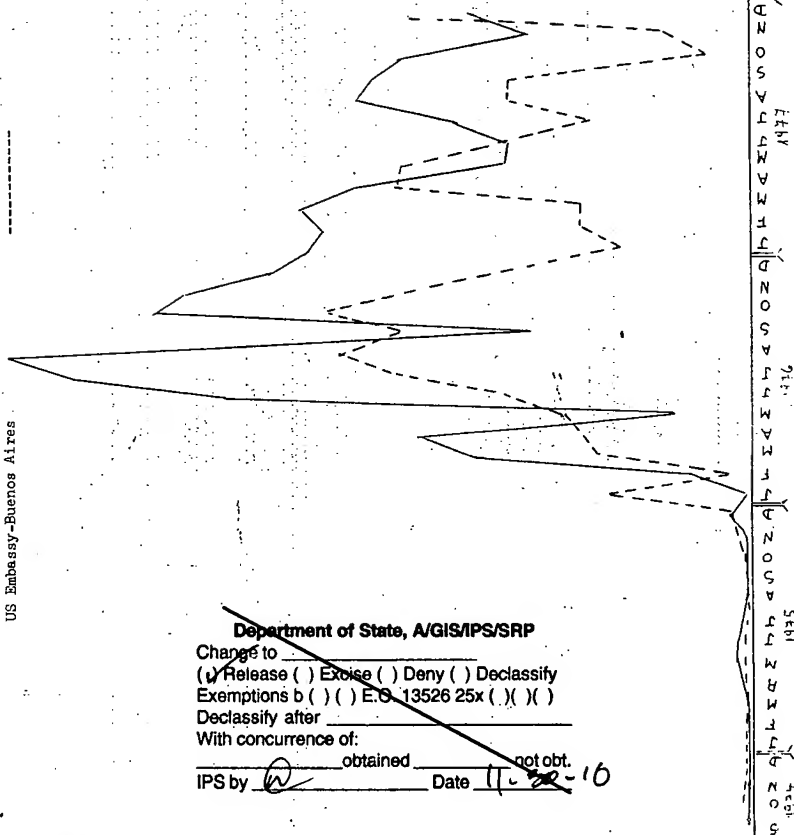
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DATE AND NUMBER OF DISAPPEARANCES IN ARGENTINA REPORTED TO:
"Familiares de Desaparecidos y Detenidos"

US Embassy-Buenos Aires



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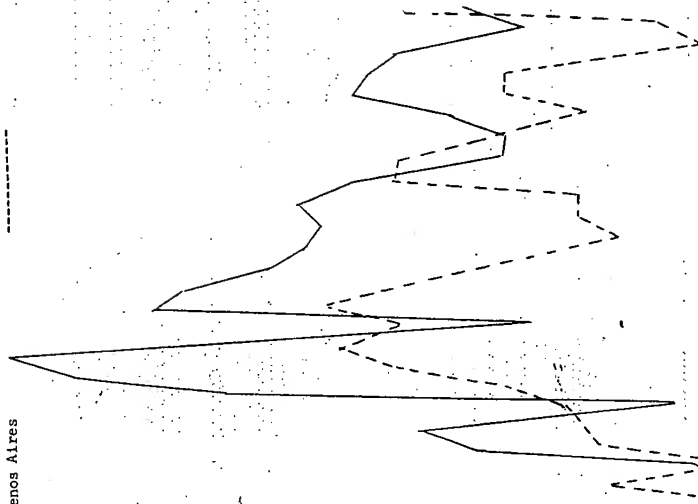
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